

## **MINUTES -amended**

### **Seattle Human Rights Commission Meeting**

Thursday, April 7, 2011, 6:00–8:00 p.m.  
City Hall - Boards and Commissions Room

#### Commissioners Present

Jessica Andrade, Damien Carter, Joshua Marshall,  
Marty Penner, Mike Peters, Mica Powers, Roslyn  
Solomon, Christopher Stearns, Jennifer Yogi

#### Commissioner Regrets

Jesse Aspuria, Nika Dahlbacka, Andrew Lewis, Merri  
Ann Osborne, Keith Toussaint

#### SOCR Staff Present

Julie Nelson, JT Delich, Ronald Ramp

#### Guests Present

Lisa Daugaard, Seattle Defender Association  
John Page, Seattle Defender Association  
Bonnie Baker, Northwest Harvest;  
Shayne Kraemer, Meals Partnership Coalition  
Krista Grimm, Operation Sack Lunch  
Joe Gruber, University District Food Bank  
Emily Alvarado, Housing Development Consortium  
BP Jackson, Peter Duncan, Tanzanie Roach

#### Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

#### Approval of Minutes

March 2011 minutes approved as read

#### Bruce Harrell

Council Member Harrell spoke briefly about a proposed change in City policy regarding housing and employment. Differential treatment based on arrest and conviction has a disparate impact on people of color. CM Harrell recommended taking a more educational approach versus an adversarial approach.

#### SOCR Report

Julie Nelson introduced JT Delich and Ron Ramp from SOCR. Julie advised that the former Enforcement Manager resigned for a great opportunity in the private sector. The Enforcement Manager position will be filled as out-of-class until the end of the year. A position will remain vacant until the end of the year to meet a 3% non sustaining budget cut.

## Park Bans

Lisa Daugaard and John Page from the Seattle Defender Association presented. The Defender Association would like the ban policy modified in two ways:

- Institute an appeal procedure for the bans. They feel the lack of due process is unconstitutional.
- Discontinue the practice of banning a person from the parks based on one violation. The Defender Association would like rules enforcement, not blanket bans on people.

The Defender Association stated that it will write a letter to the City Council requesting changes in policy, and asked that the Commission support its efforts.

**MOTION:** To write a letter to the City Council supporting the park ban policy change. **Action: PASSED**

## Right to Food Panel

Bonnie Baker, Northwest Harvest;  
Shayne Kraemer, Meals Partnership Coalition;  
Krista Grimm, Operation Sack Lunch;  
Joe Gruber, University District Food Bank

- Increased demand for food service, with decreased donations
- City seeks to combine meal services with grocery type services
- Panelists advised this will not save money and will create more work
- Plans for food services during emergencies have been developed
- In Seattle about 84,000 non duplicate households have received food assistance in the past year
- Cuts in food programs affect people of color at higher rates  
Campaign Coordinator, Seattle Healthy Workforce Coalition

## Roslyn Solomon appearance on Seattle Channel

The commission discussed Roslyn Solomon appearing on the Seattle Channel round table about police wearing body-mounted cameras. The appearance is prior to the next meeting; a decision should be made at this meeting. The discussion will continue via e-mail.

## SHRC communication plan

Some of the details of this plan were unclear. Commissioners would like to have the communication plan distributed again so everyone has a clear understanding of the communication plan.

Meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.